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SOLAR CELL, AND LIGHT EMITTING DIODE"

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please enter the following amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 28-29 as follows:

19-28. A method for making a thin film semi-conductor comprising the steps of:
providing a semi-conductor substrate having a surface;
anodizing said semi-conductor substrate at a first current density to provide a first porous layer adjacent said surface having a first porosity;
anodizing said semi-conductor substrate at a second current density higher than said first current density to provide a second porous layer adjacent said first porous layer opposite said surface, said second porous layer having a second porosity greater than said first porosity;
annealing said semi-conductor substrate in a hydrogen atmosphere after said step of anodizing said semi-conductor substrate to provide said second porous layer;
and
forming at least one semi-conductor film on said surface.--

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--29. A method for making a thin film semi-conductor comprising the steps of:
providing a semi-conductor substrate having a surface;
forming a first porous layer adjacent said surface having a first porosity;